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The attached page was handed to me by Major [redacted] on 2 September.

It contains a) one of the FINDINGS of the 2-man IG (for safety) Project Team that visited the AFSCF and b) the rebuttal prepared by AFSC on this particular finding having to do with security restriction as they apply to recovery of unclassified payloads.

MAJOR [redacted]

Reference paragraph 3, Findings

FINDING: (C) Failure of the Air Force Control Facility (AFSCF) to clarify existing security restrictions as they apply to recovery of unclassified payloads was causing confusion at the 6594th Test Group and could jeopardize Air Force public relations.

PARTIALLY CONCUR: (C) Policy concerning release of information on recovery operations is controlled within the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force and any clarification of this policy must be supplied by the organization which controls the policy. Present policy is clear; guided by DoD Directive S-5200.13 dated 15 November 1962, and AFR 205-23, it imposes maximum security on any recovery operation. SSD is presently preparing a public affairs plan for Project PRIME which will request disclosure of recovery in the Pacific. The determination of the security restrictions applicable to PRIME recoveries, as well as other DoD and NASA space payload recoveries, will be made within the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force. To assure that security compromises do not occur because of misunderstanding and confusion, the AFSCF is reiterating and re-emphasizing the present security policy to the 6594th Test Group.